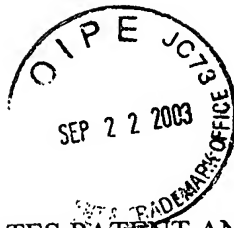


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For: MAGNETO-OPTICAL  
RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING  
TWO UNDERLYING LAYERS  
HAVING DIFFERENT  
CHARACTERISTICS AND METHOD  
OF PRODUCING THE SAME

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is found in the specification where they are cited, in an attached abstract and in a corresponding U.S. patent, if provided.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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